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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Swaziland Bureau--May 1988

I. GENERAL

1. An analysis of the city water in Mbabane by the State Regional Medical Officer from Pretoria showed an unacceptable level of pollution in the drinking water supply. Besides recommended boiling of water for drinking, the bureau purchased a Royal Dolton filter from a purification firm in Johannesburg and had it installed on one cold water tap in the Bureau kitchen. The embassy has also ordered water filters for all post housing.

2. The Rand continued to devalue against the dollar during May, reaching 2.25 Rand to the dollar.

Some new gold \$ news!
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II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. For the first time, a joint delegation of Angolans and Cubans met the South Africans under the chairmanship of the United States in London on 4 May to discuss the withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola and independence for Namibia. All sides offered optimistic assessments of the meetings, describing the atmosphere as "friendly" and saying that progress had been made. The head of the Cuban delegation revealed that a 4-year timetable for the withdrawal of Cuban troops had been discussed, but UNITA immediately rejected this as unacceptable. The second bilateral meeting between Angolan and South African delegations was held in Brazzaville on 13 May. The atmosphere of the talks was described as "frankness tempered by reasonableness."

2. SADF chief Jannie Geldenhuys and Foreign Affairs Director General Neil van Heerden held a briefing for journalists on 26 May in which they expressed the growing concern of the RSA Government with the continuing buildup of Cuban and SWAPO forces within 60 kms of the Namibian border, which they insisted "had to

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stop." Observers viewed the moves as an attempt by the Cubans to improve their position prior to the next round of talks, but RSA Defense Minister Malan hinted that the SADF would strike back in force if the talks failed. Meanwhile, UNITA stepped up their military activity in an apparent show of force prior to the next round of talks.

3. RSA Police captured three white ANC terrorists in a raid on a farmhouse near Pretoria and seized what they described as the largest single cache of weapons ever uncovered. Terrorist attacks continued during the month with five people injured in two bombings in downtown Pretoria and a third in the Johannesburg train station.

4. SAPA noted on 1 June that CP Member of the House of Assembly Chris Jacobs, speaking in the House budget debate, protested SABC showing the U.S. TV Bill Cosby Show because it brought "the message of the African National Congress into South African homes."

B. Communications

The chronic garbling caused by distortion on the incoming circuit which began in mid-April cleared inexplicably on 27 May. The bureau enjoyed the respite from communications difficulties only briefly, however. Both circuits were lost on 28 May during a thunderstorm and were not restored until the bureau opened on 31 May. Since then the circuits have been clear, but neither the bureau nor [] have been able to explain the source of the distortion or why it disappeared.

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C. Technical

1. Reception of Luanda Domestic Service, which had been unmonitorable since 28 April, improved to the usual fair to poor on 8 May. Also, Dakar PANA resumed transmissions on 10 May for the first time since 7 April, when Senegal PTT disconnected its communication links after PANA failed to pay its bills.

2. The bureau received the software and instructions for installing the Telebit Trailblazer modem from ESG and is currently attempting to ready the equipment for testing with headquarters. The first of the Comscribe printers also arrived and is being tested prior to installation in the communications section.

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III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Portuguese Monitor Trainee submitted her resignation effective 4 June.

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2. As a result of last month's recruiting trip, the bureau has put in processing 2 candidates to fill the vacancies in the Portuguese Section. When these are on board the bureau monitorial staff will be at full strength.

B. Building and Grounds

A combination lock has been installed on the door to the bureau chief's office, and a contract has been signed to augment the burglar bars on the office windows. This will complete the bureau security upgrade program.

Chief, Swaziland Bureau

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Swaziland Bureau Production Report for May 1988

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	380500
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	26090
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1083

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE: (minutes or issues per week)	6463.00 min.	14470.00 min.	110.00 issues
III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES: (publishable words per month)			

CLANDESTINE			
(Clandestine) Radio Truth in English to Zimbabwe	620		
(Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in English to Southern and Central Africa	1590		
(Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in French to Southern and Central Africa	340		
(Clandestine) Voice of Resistance of the Black Cockerel in Portuguese to Southern and Central Africa	0		
(Clandestine) KUP in English to Southern and Central Africa		4880	
(Clandestine) KUP in French to Southern and Central Africa		190	
(Clandestine) KUP in Portuguese to Southern and Central Africa		570	

ANGOLA			
Luanda Domestic Service in Portuguese	27240		
Luanda ANGOP in English		0	
Luanda ANGOP in French		630	
Luanda ANGOP in Portuguese		2140	

BOTSWANA			
Gaborone Domestic Service in English	6930		

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Gaborone BOTSWANA DAILY NEWS in English			420
LESOTHO			
Maseru Domestic Service in English	3840		
Maseru Domestic Service in seSotho	0		
MALAWI			
Blantyre Domestic Service in English	1100		
MOZAMBIQUE			
Maputo in English to Southern Africa	6150		
Maputo Domestic Service in Portuguese	19350		
Beira DIARIO DE MOCAMBIQUE in Portuguese			0
Maputo DOMINGO in Portuguese			0
Maputo NOTICIAS in Portuguese			0
Maputo TEMPO in Portuguese			0
NAMIBIA			
Windhoek DIE REPUBLIKEIN in Afrikaans			0
Windhoek DIE SUIDWESTER in Afrikaans			0
Windhoek THE NAMIBIAN in English			420
Windhoek THE WINDHOEK ADVERTISER in English			860
Windhoek TIMES OF NAMIBIA in English			1510
Windhoek TIMES OF NAMIBIA in Afrikaans			0
SENEGAL			
Dakar PANA in English		10740	
Dakar PANA in French		0	

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
SOUTH AFRICA			
Johannesburg International Service in English	10340		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in Afrikaans	2480		
Johannesburg Domestic Service in English	22250		
Johannesburg Television Service in Afrikaans	11380		
Johannesburg Television Service in English	4530		
Umtata Capital Radio in English	9920		
Johannesburg SAPA in English		89370	
Cape Town CAPE TIMES in English			0
Cape Town DIE BURGER in Afrikaans			0
Durban ILANGA in Zulu			0
Johannesburg BEELD in Afrikaans			600
Johannesburg BUSINESS DAY in English			8220
Johannesburg CITY PRESS in English			2090
Johannesburg DIE VADERLAND in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg NEW NATION in English			0
Johannesburg RAPPORT in Afrikaans			0
Johannesburg SOWETAN in English			4320
Johannesburg SUNDAY TIMES in English			6270
Johannesburg THE CITIZEN in English			3600
Johannesburg THE STAR in English			18460
Johannesburg THE SUNDAY STAR in English			4140
Johannesburg THE WEEKLY MAIL in English			12450
RSA Editorial Press Review of Afrikaans and English Press			43330
SWAZILAND			
Mbabane Domestic Service in English	0		

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Mbabane Domestic Service in siSwati	Ø		
Mbabane Television Service in English	Ø		
Mbabane Television Service in siSwati	Ø		
Mbabane THE SWAZI NEWS in English			Ø
Mbabane THE SWAZI OBSERVER in English			32Ø
Mbabane THE TIMES OF SWAZILAND in English			121Ø
UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS			
Moscow in Afrikaans to Southern Africa	85Ø		
Moscow in English to Southern Africa	Ø		
Moscow in Zulu to Southern Africa	Ø		
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in English	1217Ø		
ZAMBIA			
Lusaka Domestic Service in English	425Ø		
Lusaka SUNDAY TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			Ø
Lusaka TIMES OF ZAMBIA in English			Ø
ZIMBABWE			
Harare Voice of Namibia in English	Ø		
Harare Domestic Service in English	1492Ø		
Harare THE FINANCIAL GAZETTE in English			65Ø
Harare THE HERALD in English			286Ø
Harare THE SUNDAY MAIL in English			Ø